

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CARTER BRETT

Case No. 1:20-CR-00080

Honorable Gary S. Feinerman

JOINT STATUS REPORT

On September 13, 2021, the Court directed the parties to file a joint status report on two issues: (1) whether a sentencing hearing may be scheduled; and (2) whether there is a need for the December 17, 2021 status hearing. ECF 39. The United States and counsel for the defendant conferred and jointly report as follows.

First, in the view of the parties, it remains too soon to schedule the defendant's sentencing, due to the ongoing nature of the government's investigation, and the need for the defendant's ongoing cooperation to be fully complete in order to be properly evaluated prior to sentencing. Therefore, the parties request that the Court continue to hold in abeyance the sentencing hearing and all sentencing-related proceedings in this matter.

Second, in light of the government's ongoing investigation, as well as the ongoing pandemic, the parties request that the Court reschedule the December 17, 2021 status hearing in this matter. The parties request that the Court (a) set this matter for a status conference on March 21, 2021, at 10:15 a.m.; (b) waive the defendant's presence pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 43(b)(3); and

(c) conduct this hearing by videoconference or teleconference in order to protect the health and safety of the defendant, defense counsel, prosecutors, court staff, and the public by reducing the number of in-person hearings to the greatest extent possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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